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The Black Spot on the Treaty

America was not treated fairly by Britain and France in the matter of their secret pacts with Japan. This is not a trivial affair, for it was these secret pacts which forced the Shantung settlement—the black spot on the treaty of peace. It was generally understood that the United States had been kept in ignorance of these secret pledges to Japan, but the testimony of Secretary of State Lansing, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has officially established that fact. Secretary Lansing testified that his first knowledge of these treaties, made by Britain, France, Italy and Russia with Japan, came to him early in February of this year. Yet Mr. Balfour had declared, in response to a question in the House of Commons, that "President Wilson is being kept fully informed by the Allies," concerning agreements made among themselves. When former Premier Viviani of France and former Foreign Minister Balfour of Great Britain visited us just after we went into the war, neither, according to Mr. Lansing, made any mention of secret agreements with Japan. Secretary Lansing did know there was an understanding between Britain and Japan regarding the Pacific Islands taken from Germany, the equator to be the dividing line in the disposition of the islands between the two powers. He learned this from Spring-Rice, then British Ambassador here, in October, 1916, six months before we declared war. In September, 1917, Viscount Ishii confirmed this understanding about the islands, but at the same time declared that Japan intended to return Kiao-Chau to China. In reply to a question by Senator Borah, Senator Lansing admitted that when the conversations began leading to the Lansing-Ishii agreement, Viscount Ishii, either intentionally or otherwise concealed from him the existence of the secret treaties in regard to Shantung. The more one hears about the Shantung mess the less one likes it. President Wilson yielded to the settlement in order to keep Japan at the Conference and to save the League of Nations, but neither Japan nor our European allies treated us fairly in concealing from us until the Peace Conference was fairly launched the secret treaties upon which the settlement was predicated.—Leslie's Weekly, 8, 30, 19.

The Tariff a National Question

The Tariff is not peculiarly an Eastern question. It is a national question. There is no more reason that a manufacturer should be considered by Government than a farmer, a workman or a merchant. If the fiscal system which we have had in Canada is not the national interest there is no reason that it should be maintained. No one doubts that the Tariff needs revision. All the Canadian manufacturer can claim is an equal competitive condition with manufacturers in other countries. If wages are higher in Canada than elsewhere he has a right to consideration. So he has if raw materials are more costly and transportation charges greater. But if under equal competitive conditions he produces articles of good quality, employs labor at good wages, and gives his excess profit to the treasury, it is in the national interest that he should not be destroyed by destructive competition from outside. The manufacturers of the United States are protected against the world. They have a hundred millions of customers. Our industries have seven or eight millions of customers. American farmers protect American industries.—Montreal (P. Q.) Star, 8, 16, 19.

No More of Free-Trade

Where has the Free-Trader gone and what has stilled his voice? No more does he disturb the economic tranquility with his caterwauling.

Apparently understanding has been forcibly driven into the heads of the spokesmen of the Democratic party and the Washington administration. The President in his message at the convening of the present session of Congress even recognized the fact that consideration must be given to the matter of foreign competition with American products and labor. The federal Tariff commission has recommended several increases in the import duty schedule, notably on dyestuffs, chemicals and potash.

To all appearance that greatly desired hour in which no one who desires recognition as a leader in the political and economic thought of the country will venture to challenge the idea that Protection is necessary to the national prosperity is now possible. Let such be the earnest hope.—Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, 8, 14, 19

Wilsonism the Menace

The project which endangers American nationalism and American individualism at this moment is the product of Woodrow Wilson's design to subordinate American nationalism to a supergovernment taking form in the covenant of the League of Nations.

American individualism at the present time is not jeopardized by malicious and visionary and insane men in Russia, and the few deluded fools who ape them here, but by a proposed international contact fathered by

Woodrow Wilson, under the terms of which American men would be made victims of every misunderstanding, disagreement or quarrel which might arise in any part of the world.—New York Sun, 9, 7, 19.

Must Mark Weight on Meat

Wrapped meats inclosed in paper or other material, including hams and bacon, coming within the jurisdiction of the Federal Food and Drugs Act, must be labeled to show the net weight of each package, by the provisions of an amendment to that law incorporated in the Agricultural Appropriation Act for the current year.

The Federal Food and Drugs Act requires that the quantity of food in package form coming within its jurisdiction must be plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package in terms of weight, measure or numerical count. Wrapped hams and bacon previously were held not to be food in package form within the meaning of the act, since they are not of uniform size and are sold by the pound by actual weight and not by a fixed price for each package as are most foods in package form.

Congress now has specified definitely that from the date of the passage of the amendment, July 24, 1919, a statement of the net weight will be required on all wrapped meats, including hams and bacon, coming within the jurisdiction of the Federal Food and Drugs Act.—Mail and Breeze.

Limestone Increases Wheat

For two years the county agent in Jefferson County, Ind., has been carrying on demonstrations to show the value of ground limestone on acid soils. In one demonstration this year an average of 25½ bushels of wheat were produced to the acre. Neighbors who helped thrash this wheat, and who have land that is just as good, except that they did not make applications of ground limestone, obtained only 15 bushels to the acre. This high yield is hardly an exception, reports the agent, for similar results were obtained by other farmers in the section who used limestone.—Ex.

When sent for by the President to get his soft soap bath on the League of Nations business, Senator Norris respectfully declined the invitation to go into executive session on a question that should be openly arrived at. The chief executive is too late and his method is suspicious. The time to have taken the representatives of the people into his confidence was in the selection of the peace commissioners and before he accepted the counsel of the diplomatic roosters of Europe and got himself into a hole from which he now wants to be extricated at the sacrifice of the nation's sovereignty and independence.

But there is nothing doing. The people fell for Woodrow because of their patriotism, but the war is over and his self-adjusted halo is punk.—Lewisburgh (Pa.) Sat. News, 8, 2, 19.

President Wilson's plans for reducing the high cost of living are: Ram through the League of Nations covenant regardless of what is in it; vote more money for the various publicity bureaus of the administration; give the President more power, and feed Europe.—Flushing (N. Y.) Daily Times, 8, 26, 19.

I have come to the conclusion that the Lord is progressive and instead of handing mortals boils, as He did in the case of Job, He has sent us kin-folks. Kin-folks drop in on you at times that are opportune and at times that are otherwise; they pile in when you are broke and when you are not; they eat you out of house and home and they are present when the family row breaks out; they visit you and they go away feeling that they have something to talk about; in fact I think that kin-folks visit for the purpose of finding out weak-spots.

There should be an ordinance against kin-folk, and, like all ordinances, it would never be enforced, for everybody is kin-folks.—Pink Rag.

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ORDINANCE NO. 859.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS

Section 1. That the owner or owners of lots 16 and 18 in fractional block west of Block 14 of the Original Town of Hays City, now the City of Hays, Kansas, are hereby required to construct and maintain a sidewalk along north front of said lots, blocks and tracts of land.

Section 2. That said sidewalk shall be constructed of cement and not less than four feet in width and shall be constructed in manner provided and specified in Ordinance No. 765.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the street commissioner and he is hereby directed immediately upon the taking effect of this ordinance to notify the owner or owners of lots 16 and 18 in fractional block west of Block 14 of the Original Town of Hays City, now the City of Hays, Kansas, to construct and maintain a sidewalk along the north front of said lots, blocks and tracts of land within sixty days from the date of service of said notice. In case said owner or owners of lots, blocks and tracts of land, as aforesaid, shall fail, neglect or refuse to construct or maintain said sidewalk within the time specified in said notice, the Street Commissioner shall contract for and construct said sidewalk under the direction of the City Manager and report the cost thereof to the City Commissioners for assessment.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption, approval and publication.

Adopted and approved 16th day of September, 1919.

(L—S) C. A. Harkness,
Attest: Mayor.

Peter Holzmeister,
City Clerk.

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ORDINANCE NO. 860

An Ordinance providing for the construction and maintenance of a sidewalk along the south fronts of lots 1, 3 and 5 of Block 9 and along the south fronts of lots 15 and 17 in Block 10 all of Fairview Addition to the City of Hays City, now the City of Hays, Kansas.

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Administrator's Notice

State of Kansas, Ellis County, ss. In the Probate Court in and for said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Andrew Earlenbaugh, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters

of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, on the Estate of Andrew Earlenbaugh, late of said County, deceased, by the Honorable Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, dated the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1919. Now, all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby notified that they must present the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and that if such claims be not exhibited within two years after the date of said Letters, they shall be forever barred.

Susie Earlenbaugh,
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